26. (New) A method according to Claim 6 in which a field difference signal is output for each pixel of the current field.

27. (New) A method according to Claim 6 in which a field difference signal is output for each of a number of regions of the current field.

28. (New) A method according to Claim 6 in which a single field difference signal is output for the current field.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to conform to U.S. Patent Office practice. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fees.

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In the Claims:

4.   (Amended) A method according to Claim 2 [or Claim 3] in which a measure of global detail is derived by summing the local detail from one or both fields over all or a substantial part of the picture and all or a proportion of the global detail signal is used to correct the field difference signal.

9.   (Amended) A method according to Claim 7 [or Claim 8] in which a measure of global detail is derived by summing the local detail from one or both fields over all or a substantial part of the picture and all or a proportion of the global detail signal is used to correct the field difference signal.

10.   (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which the field difference signal is summed over all or a substantial part of the picture to create a global difference signal and the local detail from one or both fields is summed over all or a substantial part of the picture to create a global detail signal and a corrected field difference signal is obtained by subtracting all or a proportion of the global detail signal from the global field difference field.

11.   (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which a field difference signal is output for each pixel of the current field.

12.   (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which a field difference signal is output for each of a number of regions of the current field.

13.   (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which a single field difference signal is output for the current field.

19.   (Amended) A process according to Claim 17 [or Claim 18] in which a component in the or each field difference signal which arises from vertical detail is removed by taking a

measure of vertical detail from one or more input fields and subtracting either all or a proportion of the detail measure from the or each field difference signal.

22.   (Amended) A process according to Claim 20 [or Claim 21] in which a component in the or each field difference signal which arises from vertical detail is removed by taking a measure of vertical detail from one or more input fields and subtracting either all or a proportion of the detail measure from the or each field difference signal.